



## Hunter Maintains Strong Support for Second Amendment Rights

As an avid outdoorsman, Marine veteran and gun owner, Rep. Hunter believes that Congress must work to ensure the Administration does not restrict or weaken the Constitutional right to bear arms. Hunter is a proud cosponsor of the following measures:

**H.R. 58, the Firearms Interstate Commerce Reform Act**, to remove the unnecessary restrictions on interstate firearm sales to allow licensed entities to sell across state lines.

**H.R. 420, the Veterans' Heritage Firearms Act**, to provide protections for veterans or family members to register firearms acquired overseas.

**H.R. 645**, a *bipartisan* measure to repeal the ban on semi-automatic weapons in the District of Columbia, as well as the registration requirement for possession of firearms and licensed firearm dealers to maintain records of ammunition.

**H.R. 1443, the Outdoor Sports Protection Act**, would prevent the Departments of Interior and Agriculture from instituting new bans on traditional ammunition and fishing tackle on federal lands that are used for conservation.

**H.R. 3065, the Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act**, would help States build and maintain safe public shooting ranges.

Hunter also firmly opposes any effort, whether at the federal, state or local level, that unnecessarily restricts our rights, be it a ban on open carry, or burdensome requirements to obtain a concealed weapons permit.

## Operation Fast and Furious Update - The Administration's Failed Program

A controversial "gun-walking" program, Operation Fast and Furious, recently became the focus of congressional scrutiny by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The Operation, under management by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), permitted weapon sales in Arizona only to later be trafficked into Mexico with little to no legitimate oversight.

Just as alarming is the clear lack of strategy to recover these weapons once in the hands of criminals. Two weapons from the ATF Operation were found at the scene of the tragic murder of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry – a brave American committed to protecting the nation's borders.

Only weeks after, on July 11, the Administration announced that gun dealers in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas must now report the sale of more than one long gun to a single source within five days.

***"Like many Americans, I am deeply frustrated by this flawed Operation, which has unnecessarily placed the lives of innocent citizens on both sides of the border in harm's way. To make matters worse, the Administration's response to the failure of Fast and Furious is to penalize law-aiding citizens through further restrictions and over-regulation."***

***- Rep. Duncan Hunter***

In response to this new regulation that wrongly burdens business owners, the House Appropriations Committee accepted an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill to deny federal funding for the implementation of this rule.

Additionally, Hunter authored a letter to Chairman Darrell Issa to encourage further review of Fast and Furious, which may viewed by clicking [here](#). For additional information on this Operation and to watch the Committee's next hearing online, visit the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee [website](#).